Local Government Type:	Local Governmer	it Name:		County					
☐ City ☐ Township ☐ Village ☒ Ot	her 35th District Court	house Authority		V	Vayne				
	inion Date ril 18, 2006		Date Accountant Report Submitted To State: June 30, 2006						
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Ve affirm that: . We have complied with the <i>Bulletin for t</i> We are certified public accountants regi			gan as revised.						
We further affirm the following. "Yes" resported indirecommendations.	ises have been disclosed in	n the financial statem	ents, including the	e notes, or in t	he report of commer				
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We have enclosed the following:			Enclosed	To Be Forwarde	Not ed Required				
The letter of comments and recommendation	ns.								
Reports on individual federal assistance pro	grams (program audits).								
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).									
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name):	PLANTE & N	IORAN, PLI	_C						
Street Address 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 400		City Ann Art	oor	State MI	ZIP 48104-6815				
Accountant Signature									

Financial Report
with Supplemental Information
December 31, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors

35th District Courthouse Authority

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of 35th District Courthouse Authority, including the 35th District Courthouse Authority's individual governmental funds and the statement of net assets and statement of activities as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of 35th District Courthouse Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position and changes in financial position of 35th District Courthouse Authority, including its individual funds and the 35th District Courthouse Authority as a whole for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison schedule as identified in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The accompanying financial statements do not present a management's discussion and analysis, which would be an analysis of the financial performance for the year. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined that this analysis is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Plante & Moran, PLLC



Governmental Fund Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2005

		Individu	ual F							
	General Fund		Capital Projects I Fund		Debt Service Fund		Total		GASB No. 34 Adjustments (Note 2)	Statement of Net Assets - Full Accrual Basis
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$	-	\$	3,224	\$	-	\$	3,224	\$ -	\$ 3,224
Due from State of Michigan 35th Judicial District										
Court		156,254		-		-		156,254	-	156,254
Capital assets - Net of depreciation (Note 5)	_					-	_		6,477,172	6,477,172
Total assets	\$	156,254	\$	3,224	\$		\$	159,478	6,477,172	6,636,650
Liabilities										
Due to the State of Michigan 35th Judicial										
District Court	\$	-	\$	2,535	\$	-	\$	2,535	-	2,535
Accrued interest payable		-		-		-		-	16,084	16,084
Long-term debt (Note 6):										
Due within one year		-		-		-		-	341,502	341,502
Due in more than one year							_		3,352,436	3,352,436
Total liabilities		-		2,535		-		2,535	3,710,022	3,712,557
Fund Balance - Unrestricted	_	156,254		689			_	156,943		
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	156,254	\$	3,224	\$		\$	159,478		
Net Assets										
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt									2,906,516	2,906,516
Unrestricted									(139,366)	17,577
Total net assets									\$ 2,767,150	\$ 2,924,093

Statement of Governmental Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Indivdual Funds - Modified Accrual Basis												
	General Fund		Capital Projects Fund		De	ebt Service Fund	Total		GASB No. 34 Adjustments (Note 2)		Acti	itement of ivities - Full crual Basis	
Revenue													
Base rental revenue (Note 8)	\$	383,419	\$	-	\$	320,200	\$	703,619	\$	-	\$	703,619	
Additional rental revenue (Note 8)		57,053		-		-		57,053		-		57,053	
Interest income and other				76			_	76	_	5,258		5,334	
Total revenue		440,472		76		320,200		760,748		5,258		766,006	
Expenditures													
Utilities		116,438		-		-		116,438		-		116,438	
Building maintenance		94,324		-		-		94,324		-		94,324	
Insurance		42,467		-		-		42,467		-		42,467	
Capital outlay		52,053		-		-		52,053		(41,959)		10,094	
Depreciation		-		-		-		-		226,317		226,317	
Debt service		130,190			_	320,200		450,390		(265,135)		185,255	
Total expenditures		435,472			_	320,200	_	755,672		(80,777)		674,895	
Change in Fund Balance/Net Assets		5,000		76		-		5,076		86,035		91,111	
Fund Balance/Net Assets - Beginning of year		151,254		613	_		_	151,867		2,681,115		2,832,982	
Fund Balance/Net Assets - End of year	\$	156,254	\$	689	\$	-	\$	156,943	\$	2,767,150	\$ 2	2,924,093	

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

35th District Courthouse Authority ("DCA") was established in 1989 upon approval of an interlocal agreement by and among the DCA member District Control Units pursuant to the provisions of the Urban Cooperations Act, Act No. 7 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1967, as amended. The member District Control Units include the cities of Northville and Plymouth and the charter townships of Canton, Plymouth, and Northville. One purpose of the DCA is to establish a joint entity to lease, acquire, own, operate, and dispose of the Courthouse Building occupied by the State of Michigan 35th Judicial District Court (the "Court") for the mutual use and benefit of the District Control Units, who are also members of the Court. The DCA is comprised of a five-member board of directors consisting of one representative from each member city or township.

The accounting policies of the DCA conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The 35th Judicial District Building Authority (the "Building Authority") was established on December 7, 1998 and is governed by a five-member board consisting of one representative from each member city or township. Although legally separate from 35th District Courthouse Authority, the Building Authority is included as a Capital Projects Fund because its primary purpose is to finance and construct the Courthouse Building. Building Authority operations consist of the issuance and repayment of debt and the construction of facilities, all of which are recorded in the appropriate DCA funds. The financial statements of the Building Authority are blended into the financial statements of the DCA as follows:

- a. The assets of the Building Authority held for payment and administration of outstanding bond issues and other related debt are reported in a Debt Service Fund.
- b. The assets and liabilities of the Building Authority related to construction projects are reported in the Capital Projects Fund.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The DCA's basic financial statements include both the DCA's full accrual financial statements and modified accrual financial statements.

Full Accrual Financial Statements

The full accrual financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which is described below:

Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Private sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989 are generally followed in the full accrual financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The DCA has elected not to follow public sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its full accrual activities.

Modified Accrual Financial Statements

The DCA's modified accrual financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described below.

Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay finance expenditures of the fiscal period. For this purpose, the DCA considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the DCA.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The accounts of the DCA are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity.

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The General Fund contains the records of the ordinary activities of the DCA. These activities are supported by rental and other revenue received from the State of Michigan 35th District Court.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the development of the Courthouse Building.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for payments of principal, interest, and expenses in conjunction with the bond issued for construction of the Courthouse Building.

Financial Statement Amounts

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and demand deposits, with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

Capital Assets - All assets with an estimated useful life in excess of two years are capitalized. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture and equipment	/ years
Computer equipment	3-5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Building improvements	25 years
Buildings	50 years

Long-term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and capital leases are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Reconciliation of the Court as a Whole and the Individual Fund Financial Statements

The governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance of the Court's General Fund differ from the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. This difference results primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net assets and the statement of activities versus the current focus of the General Fund balance sheet and statement of revenue, expenditures, and change in fund balance.

The statement of net assets includes the capital assets, capital leases payable, accrued interest expense, and bonded debt associated with the construction of the Courthouse. The statement of activities includes the reduction of capital outlay for assets capitalized, depreciation expense related to those assets, reduction of debt service expense for principal payments made on the debt, and recognition of accrued interest expense.

Note 3 - Deposits

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The DCA is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note 3 - Deposits (Continued)

The DCA has designated one bank for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bonds and securities of the United States government and bank accounts and CDs, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above. The DCA's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with statutory authority.

The DCA's cash and investments are subject to credit risk, which is examined in more detail below:

Credit Risk

State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The Court has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of year end, the credit quality ratings of debt securities (other than the U.S. government) are as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	Fa	ir Value	Rating	Rating Organization				
Sweep accounts	\$	3,000	Unrated	N/A				

Note 4 - Budget Information

The annual budget is prepared by the Court administrator and adopted by the DCA and Building Authority boards; subsequent amendments are approved by the DCA and Building Authority boards. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end; encumbrances are not included as expenditures. The amount of encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2005 has not been calculated. The budget has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, except that proceeds from the issuance of debt have been netted against the capital outlay expenditures, rather than as an other financing source.

The budget statement (budgetary comparison schedule - General Fund) is presented on the same basis of accounting used in preparing the adopted budget.

The budget has been adopted on a fund basis. A comparison of actual results of operations to the General Fund budget as adopted by the DCA and Building Authority is included in the required supplemental information at the line-item level. This comparison includes expenditure budget overruns.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note 5 - Capital Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets is as follows:

								Balance
	Balance					posals and	De	cember 31,
Governmental Activities	Jan	uary 1, 2005		Additions	Ad	justments		2005
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Furniture and equipment	\$	499,878	\$	7,506	\$	3,259	\$	504,125
Computer equipment		307,646		23,122		160		330,608
Vehicles		42,448		-		-		42,448
Building improvements		52,255		-		-		52,255
Buildings	_	7,704,968					_	7,704,968
Subtotal		8,607,195		30,628		3,419		8,634,404
Accumulated depreciation	_	(1,933,772)		(226,317)		(2,857)		(2,157,232)
Net capital assets	\$	6,673,423	\$	(195,689)	\$	562	\$	6,477,172

Note 6 - Long-term Debt

During the year ended December 31, 1999, the 35th Judicial District Building Authority issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4,250,000 to assist in funding the construction of the new courthouse. Repayment of this bond is funded by the 35th Judicial District Court, which leases this building.

The DCA has also entered into three capital leases. One represents the capital lease on the former courthouse destroyed by fire during 1997. The other two represent computer equipment leases. Payment of these leases is also funded by the 35th Judicial District Court.

The following is a schedule of long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2005:

	Interest Rate Ranges	Principal Maturity	Beginning Balance		Additions		Reductions		Ending Balance		_	ue Within One Year
Governmental Activities												
Capital lease payable - To the City of Plymouth												
for the former courthouse	10.92%	2006	\$	236,962	\$	-	\$	113,680	\$	123,282	\$	123,282
Capital lease payable - Server	0.62%	2007		22,335		-		10,271		12,064		10,335
Capital lease payable - Software	13.71%	2007		15,472		-		6,880		8,592		7,885
Bonds payable - 1999 General Obligation Bonds,												
original issue of \$4,250,000	4.10%-5.00%	2018		3,700,000	_	-	-	150,000	-	3,550,000	-	200,000
Total governmental activities			\$	3,974,769	\$		\$	280,831	\$	3,693,938	\$	341,502

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2005

Note 6 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

The annual requirements to service all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2005, including both principal and interest, are as follows:

		Governmental-type Activities										
			Principal		Interest		Total					
2006		\$	341,502	\$	169,456	\$	510,958					
2007			202,436		153,684		356,120					
2008			200,000		145,175		345,175					
2009			200,000		136,475		336,475					
2010			200,000		127,575		327,575					
2011-2015			1,500,000		440,174		1,940,174					
2016-2020			1,050,000		83,562		1,133,562					
	Total	\$	3,693,938	\$	1,256,101	\$	4,950,039					

Note 7 - Risk Management

The DCA is exposed to various risks of loss pertaining to property loss and torts. The DCA has purchased commercial insurance for these claims. Settled claims related to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 - Rental Revenue

The DCA leased the former courthouse building and furnishings, destroyed by fire during 1997, to the State of Michigan 35th Judicial District Court under an operating lease. Rental revenue amounted to \$130,190 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The Building Authority leased the new courthouse building to the State of Michigan 35th Judicial District Court under an operating lease. The total rental revenue, including utilities, maintenance, and insurance, amounted to \$573,429 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2005, the DCA received \$57,053 from the Court representing funding for various current and future capital outlay expenditures. This amount was recorded by the DCA as additional rental revenue.

Required Su	upplementa	al Informat	ion

Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2005

							Fa	avorable
							(Un	favorable)
	(Original	A	mended			Vari	ances with
		Budget		Budget		Actual	Amer	ded Budget
Revenue								
Base rental revenue	\$	352,119	\$	385,019	\$	383,419	\$	(1,600)
Additional rental revenue		60,000	-	62,280	_	57,053		(5,227)
Total revenue		412,119		447,299		440,472		(6,827)
Expenditures								
Utilities		96,000		115,500		116,438		(938)
Building maintenance		88,500		94,500		94,324		176
Insurance		37,600		45,000		42,467		2,533
Capital outlay		55,000		57,280		52,053		5,227
Debt service		130,019		130,019		130,190		(171)
Total expenditures		407,119		442,299		435,472		6,827
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		5,000		5,000		5,000		-
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		151,254		151,254		151,254		
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	156,254	\$	156,254	\$	156,254	\$	

The Authority's budget was adopted on a fund basis. The budget comparison shown above for the General Fund is more detailed than the General Appropriations Act. Information on this schedule is presented for the purpose of additional analysis.





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April 18, 2006

Honorable John E. MacDonald Honorable Ronald W. Lowe Honorable Michael J. Gerou 35th Judicial District Court 660 Plymouth Road Plymouth, MI 48170

Dear Judges:

We have recently completed our audit of the financial statements of the 35th Judicial District Court for the year ended December 31, 2005. In connection with our audit, we offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in your financial management of the Court.

REPORTABLE CONDITION

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of 35TH Judicial District Court and the 35th District Courthouse Authority for the year ended December 31, 2005, we considered the internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the municipality's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The matters noted are only those that came to our attention and had our procedures in internal control related matters been more extensive, other matters may have been noted.

 As discussed in the previous year, a number of employees have access to signature stamps with the Judge's signatures in their possession. With the access to the signature stamps, it is possible to write a check and use the signature stamps instead of obtaining proper signatures from the individuals. We recommend the Court implement a policy on the use of its signature stamps. We understand that subsequent to December 31, 2005, the signature stamps will be locked up within the clerk's desk, who utilize the stamps on a regular basis.



Currently, the controller submits the payroll, issues the checks prepared by the payroll
processor, and records the activity in the general ledger. During the current fiscal year,
there was no oversight by another individual regarding payroll. We recommend that the
Court Administrator, or another assigned individual, review the payroll registers to
improve controls in this area.

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Currently, the controller prepares the monthly bank reconciliations, with no oversight or review by the Court Administrator. Although there are other controls in place, including the review of a listing of all checks before they are written and dual signature required on all checks, we recommend the Court Administrator review all bank reconciliations and acknowledge her review by initialing and dating them once reviewed.

In addition to the above comments, we noted that there are a number of old outstanding checks on the bank reconciliations. We recommend that the Court follow up on these checks in an effort to "clean up" the bank reconciliations.

OTHER ACCOUNTING ISSUES

It was noted during our audited that the Court does not currently have a credit card nor an ACH policy approved by the board. We recommend that the Court bring forth a policy for approval by the board.

The following items are miscellaneous accounting issues which have been discussed in previous years:

- During the construction of the Courthouse, a capital projects fund was created to account for the development of the building. Now that the construction is complete, we recommend that this fund be closed and cash remaining within the fund be transferred in a manner that the board deems appropriate.
- A number of checks written in January 2006 relating to December 2005 activity were
 actually dated in December 2005. These expenditures were recorded in the appropriate
 fiscal year. The Court should ensure all checks are dated the day they are signed and
 not post dated.
- There is an unreconciled difference between the detailed bond payable listing and the amount recorded on the general ledger. The Court should be reconciling to the bond payable listing on a monthly basis and adjusting the general ledger when necessary.

We would like to thank you and your staff, particularly Debra Kubitskey and Pam Avdoulos, for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us during the course of our audit. If you have any further questions regarding the above comments or would like assistance in their implementation, please feel free to contact us.



This report is intended solely for the information and use of the judges, board of directors, management, others within the organization and the State of Michigan and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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